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Actions Speak Louder than Words

The following is dialogue exchanged between the characters in the final scene of *The Return of the King*. You will notice that there is not much that is actually said with dialogue. Most of what is said is through actions alone. Your assignment is to write out the final scene. I have given you the boring, dry dialogue from the scene. Your job is to write in the emotion you see on screen by using adverbial, adjectival, and prepositional phrases through your conversational tags. Your conversational tags should reveal more than the words your characters are saying.

The following are defined as they apply to dialogue only:

Adverbial phrase- describes HOW something was said or a motion that the conversationalist is doing

Adjectival phrase- describes the PERSON saying the dialogue

Prepositional phrase- describes WHERE the conversationalist is or where the conversationalist is placing something

For further explanation on phrases refer to pages 752 and 790 in your *Texas Write Source* Textbook

Just in case you forgot, your characters are:

Gandalf

Frodo

Sam

Merry

Pippin

The boring, dry dialogue:

“It is time Frodo,” said Gandalf.

“What does he mean?” said Sam.

“We set out to save the Shire Sam and it has been saved, but not for me,” said Frodo.

“You don’t mean that. You can’t leave,” said Sam.

“The last pages are for you Sam,” said Frodo.

Be sure to punctuate your dialogue correctly. If you forgot, you can refer to pages 658-660 in your *Texas Write Source* textbook. Also, don’t forget that SAID is DEAD!